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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO MRS. JONAS,  
FIRST PRESIDENT BENYA, AND CHANCELO KREISKY

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THE SECOND IS ADDRESSED TO FIRST PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA AS THE MOST SENIOR PERSON CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESIDENTIAL FUNCTIONS. THE US GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THESE MESSAGES, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RECIPIENTS DOING SO, SHOULD THEY SO ELECT.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MRS. JONAS:

I LEARNED WITH THE DEEPEST SADNESS AND REGRET OF THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND. HIS SERVICES TO HIS BELOVED COUNTRY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF STATESMANSHIP, AND I KNOW THAT HE WILL BE REMEMBERED, NOT ONLY BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRIAN PEOPLE, BUT BY PEOPLE EVERYWHERE FOR HIS EFFORTS

TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE. WE HAVE ALL LOST  
A TRUE FRIEND.

MRS. NIXON AND I JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN  
EXTENDING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OUR MOST PROFOUND  
SYMPATHY.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON.

END TEXT

3. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
ANTON BENYA  
FIRST PRESIDENT  
NATIONALRAT  
VIENNA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF PRESI-  
DENT JONAS. AUSTRIA HAS LOST A DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT,  
AND WORLD PEACE HAS LOST A SKILLFUL ADVOCATE. PLEASE  
EXPRESS TO THE AUSTRIAN NATION THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THIS SAD OCCASION.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

END TEXT

4. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
BRUNO KREISKY  
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR  
VIENNA

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DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

IT WAS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I LEARNED OF THE DEATH  
OF YOUR HIGHLY ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, FRANZ JONAS. PLEASE  
ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY UPON THIS SAD OCCASION.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

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